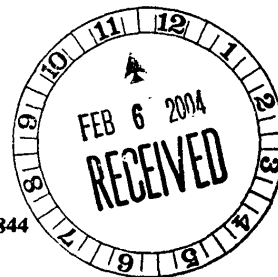




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January 28, 2004

Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary
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Re. AB 33 (Sub No. 153X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

This is a request for additional time in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition of this soon to be abandoned railroad right-of-way in Monroe County, Iowa. We believe that we need an additional 60 days in which to finalize these negotiations.

We are forwarding a copy of this letter to the Omaha and Chicago offices of the Union Pacific Railroad Co., with the intention of gaining the Railroad's cooperation in the extension of this allotted time.

We are also sending this letter to you by FAX and forwarding ten copies via regular mail.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

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